

Marian Lovene Griffey
Volunteer



INTERESTS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Marian is an award winning poet and short story writer whose words reflect her background growing up in the woods and fields of rural Catawba County, North Carolina. Before moving to Florida, she worked as a religious news editor, reporter, and weekly columnist for The Enterprise newspaper (Williamston, N.C.), and she served as secretary of the Martin County (N.C.) Humane Society. While in Martin County, she wrote for and assembled quarterly newsletters for the Humane Society, the local high school, and the veterinary hospital for which she worked.

Marian has received recognition and honors for both her poetry and prose. Her awards include: First Place honors in the **Mary Lou Peele Poetry Contest** ("Courage" division, 1993), for her poem: "The Morning After;" First Place in **M Magazine's** 2nd annual fiction contest (July 1998) for her short story, "The Girl From Sandpit Road;" and, Third Place in **North Central Florida Writer's Award** (September 1998) for her essay, "Adaptation." Her work has appeared in a variety of magazines, books, and university press editions, including: *Award-Winning Poems, 1993, Vol. XXIX* (North Carolina Poetry Society anthology), *Apropos, Hoosier Challenger, The Academy, Stories For Advent, Potpourri Publications, Robin's Nest, Poetry Motel, Coastal Plains Poetry, volumes II-IV, Dragonfly*, several Bed- and Breakfast Inn brochures, *Mediphors: A Journal For The Medical Professional, The Sunday Suitor, Messages From The Heart, Endangerspeak, The Beauty That Surrounds Us* (Lou Daniels Memorial Anthology), and *M Magazine: The Modern Magazine of the Mountains*. She is an elected member of Who's Who of North Carolina Poets.

Marian has written several novels, novellas, and children's books, including **He Gave Me His Heart: Honoring the Fathers, In Search of the Grapevine**, (non-fiction; an anthology of short-stories based on the community and people of a small North Carolina coastal town); **Take a Look at Alice** (fiction; based on family biographies); **The Girl From Sandpit Road** (fiction; from which her award-winning short story by the same name is taken); and, **Dark Side of a Big-bole Tree** (fiction; an anthology of interviews related to the subject of how humans would benefit from dumping their accumulations of unnecessary emotional "waste"). She is currently working on a book entitled **A Layman's Look at Edible and Medicinal Plants of Florida**.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Since 1995, Marian has volunteered more than 2000 hours to research projects at the Florida Caribbean Science Center. She has worked on the Egmont Key box turtle project since 1997, for four years on amphibian research in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, and on a number of smaller projects in the Southeast. She has also attended two World Congresses of Herpetology and many other scientific conferences. She is well known for her keen interest in animals and people, and for her friendly smile.

When not writing or in the field, Marian enjoys gardening, cooking, and reading. She is currently employed as a Child Advocate with Peaceful Paths, the Gainesville-area domestic violence center. Marian also is pursuing her psychology degree with Canyon College. She resides with her husband, Ken, in Gainesville, Florida.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

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